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DIV. OF OIL, GAS & MINING

Ms. Pam Grubaugh-Littig
Division of Oil, Gas & Mining
1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801

RE: Freedom of Information Act Request Regarding
Bond Status Related to Mining Operations Being
Conducted by Lodestar Energy, Inc. and Lodestar Holdings, Inc.
("Lodestar")

Dear Ms. Grubaugh-Littig:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I am hereby making the following request to obtain copies of any and all bonds maintained by Utah's Division of Oil, Gas & Mining including surety bonds and Letters of Credit ("LOC") filed with your agency on behalf Lodestar Energy, Inc., Lodestar Holdings, Inc., or entities affiliated or related to these two entities.

Based on the telephone conversations you had with my paralegal, Steve Kennedy, on November 26, 2002, I am requesting a "bond status report" for Lodestar. The specific information the report should contain is any and all bonds or LOCs filed on behalf of Lodestar Energy, Inc., Lodestar Holdings, Inc., or affiliates and subsidiaries who are conducting coal mining operations in the state of Utah. In addition I am also requesting copies of any and all bonds that have been posted by any of these entities.

The bond status report should contain the permit numbers, the bond numbers, the name of the surety, the surety's agent, the bond amount and the date of issuance. If possible please prepare the report in electronic format and place the information on a "CD".

I thank you for your cooperation in this matter. I know there will be some associated costs for the reproduction of the requested material. Please prepare an invoice for these costs and I will ensure that it is promptly paid.

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Should you have any questions regarding this request for information please do not
hesitate to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

Maureen D. Carman

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